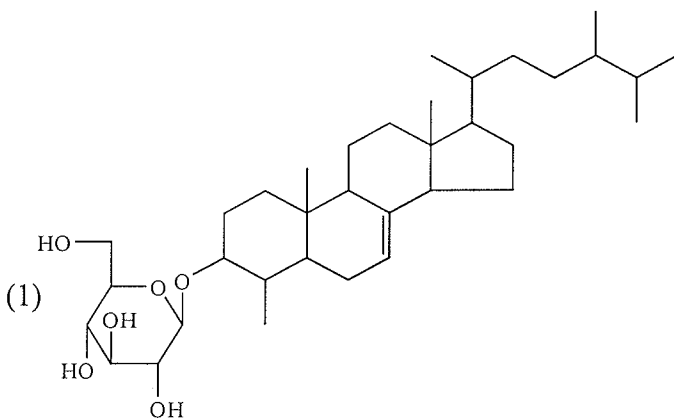


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A purified compound having the following chemical formula (1):



2. (Currently amended) A composition containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the purified compound according to claim 1.

3. (Currently amended) The composition according to claim 2, which is obtainable from an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof.

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is *Aloe vera* (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller).

5. (Previously presented) A hyperglycemia improving agent, which comprises the compound according to claim 1 as an active ingredient in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

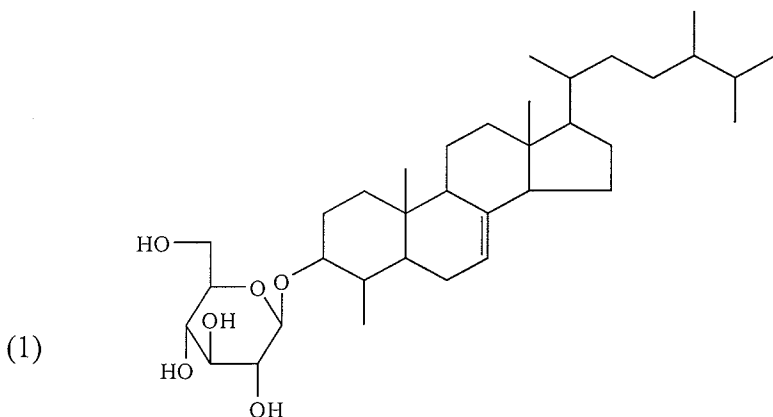
6. (Previously presented) A drug comprising the hyperglycemia improving agent according to claim 5.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Feed~~ A food or drink comprising the hyperglycemia improving agent according to claim 5.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Food~~—A food or drink comprising the purified compound according to claim 1 as an active ingredient, having a hyperglycemia improving effect, and attached with an indication that the food or drink is used for improvement of hyperglycemia.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Withdrawn-Currently amended) A method for the production of a drug for improving hyperglycemia which comprises mixing the purified compound of claim 1 or a composition containing the same purified compound with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

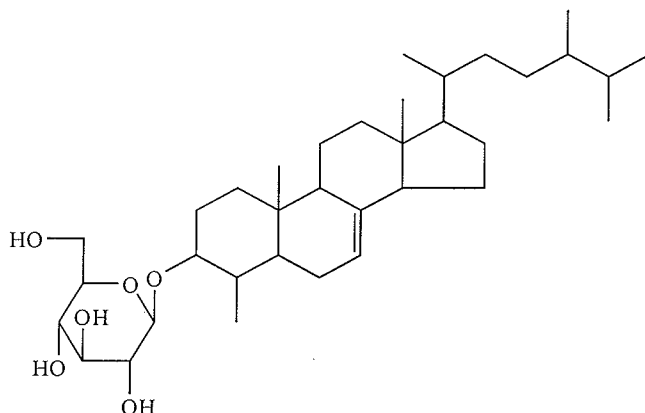


12. (Withdrawn-Currently amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the composition is obtainable from an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound.

13. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller).

14. (Currently amended) A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering a compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) or a composition containing the ~~same~~ purified compound to a subject whose hyperglycemia is to be improved.

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15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the composition is obtainable from an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis* Miller).